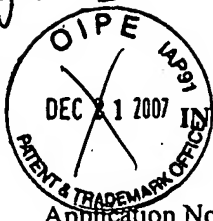


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Application No.: 10/541,777 Group Art Unit: 3753
Filing Date: July 8, 2005 Examiner: Stephen Hepperle
Applicant: Naoki ITANO et al.
Title: RAPIDLY OPENING PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE,
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HIGH-PRESSURE GAS CYLINDER APPARATUS AND
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Amendment.

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